

Claim Listing:

1. (Presently amended) A candle, which creates pleasant crackling sounds, comprising:  
a body of meltable fuel; and  
a thin flat elongate wood or wood product wick disposed in the body and having an upper end extending above an upper surface of the body; and the body of the meltable fuel further comprises a gum or a resin, whereby when the wick is burned and consumes the meltable fuel, the apparatus creates pleasant crackling sounds.
2. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein wood grain of the wick is generally straight and vertical.
3. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has gum pockets.
4. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood has a moisture content of ten to twelve percent.
5. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood family of the wick is Prunus Serotina.
6. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the species of wood of the wick is Hardwood.
7. (original) The candle of claim 6 wherein the family of the wood of the wick is Cherry, Poplar, Maple, Birch, Beech, Basswood, Aspen, Yellow Buckeye or Oak.
8. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the species of the wood of the wick is Softwood.
9. (original) The candle of claim 8 wherein the family of the wood of the wick is Cedar, Spruce, Cypress, Pine, Pacific Yew, Silverbell or Witch Hazel.
10. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the species of the wood of the wick is Tropical Wood.
11. (original) The candle of claim 10 wherein the family of the wood of the wick is Rimo, Pillarwood, Wenge, Rosewood or Bamboo.

12. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood of the wick has a moisture content of six to fourteen percent.
13. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is petroleum (paraffin), mineral (montan), synthetic wax, clear candle waxes, or “gels”.
14. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is a beeswax, carnauba, candelillia or vegetable-based wax.
15. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel includes at least one of stearic acids, UV inhibitors, polyethylene, scent oils, or color pigments.
16. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is paraffin.
17. (original) The candle of claim 16 wherein the wick has a thickness of .019-0.23 inch.
18. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is a vegetable-based wax.
19. (original) The candle of claim 18 wherein the wick has a thickness of .022-.028 inch.
20. (original) The candle of claim 18 wherein primary components of the vegetable-based wax are palm and soy.
21. (original) The candle of claim 18 wherein primary components of the vegetable-based wax are selected from the group of palm, cotton, olive, linseed, castor, peanut, jojoba and soy.
22. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is a mixture of paraffin and a vegetable-based wax.
23. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately one to six inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 to two inches.
24. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately six to twelve inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 - six inches.

25. (original) The candle of claim 24 wherein the number of the wicks in the candle is between one and twelve.
26. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately twelve to twenty-four inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 to twenty inches.
27. (original) The candle of claim 26 wherein the number of the wicks in the candle is between one and twenty.
28. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product comprises two sheets of wood with a flat piece of cotton sandwiched [therebetween] there between.
29. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick comprises pressed wood with bits of fiber and adhesive in the pressed wood.
30. (original) The candle of claim 30 wherein the fibers are cellulose materials, cotton, hemp, rayon, linen, paper and /or flax.
31. (original) The candle of claim 29 wherein the adhesive is resin, gum, or natural glue.
32. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the body is cylindrical and has a diameter of six inches and the wick is at the axial center of the body.
33. (original) The candle of claim 32 wherein the wick has a width of one and 1/4 inches.
34. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is sealed with wax.
35. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick substantially comprises cellulose and lignin.
36. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick comprises wood particles and gum
37. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is bleached.
38. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is dyed.

39. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has printed images.
40. (original) The candle of claim 38 wherein the meltable fuel is synthetic wax, clear candle waxes or “gels”.
41. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is configured in a selected decorative shape as viewed from above.
42. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is straight or curved vertically.
43. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the body is cylindrical, elliptic, orbicular, parallelepiped, polyhedron, or organic form and has a diameter of two to twelve inches and the wick is at the axial center of the body.
44. (original) The candle of claim 42 wherein the wick has a width of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to six inches.
45. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the body is cylindrical, elliptic, orbicular, parallelepiped, polyhedron, or organic form and has a diameter of twelve to twenty-four inches and the wick is at the axial center of the body.
46. (original) The candle of claim 45 wherein the wick has a width of one inch to twelve inches.
47. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has a thickness of .019-.028 inch and a width of  $\frac{1}{8}$  to twelve inches.
48. (original) The wick of claim 46 wherein the primary thickness of the wick is .023 - .026 inch.
49. (original) The wick of claim 46 wherein the primary width of the wick is  $\frac{3}{16}$  to three inches.
50. (original) The candle of claim 47 wherein the wick has a height of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to four feet.
51. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has a height of one inch to six feet.
52. (original) The wick of claim 51 wherein the wick has a primary height of one to nine inches.
53. (original) The candle of claim 1 further comprising a wick holder in a base of the body, the wick holder having an elongate slot in which a lower end of the wick is received.

54. (original) The candle of claim 53 wherein the slot has a width of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to twelve inches and a thickness of .018 to .03 inch.
55. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is rigid such as to be capable of being freestanding.
56. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is rigid such as to be capable of being vertically, flat comprising a wick holder.
57. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product is a pressed wood particle/powder product or a high density fiberboard material.
58. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick extends between  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the upper surface.
59. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the fuel is a paraffin-based fuel and the wick extends  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch above the upper surface.
60. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the fuel is a vegetable-based fuel and the wick extends  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch above the upper surface.
61. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein at least one of the body and the wick includes scented oil.
62. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product is selected from the group of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood and bamboo.
63. (original) The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product has the wood grain thereof extending longitudinally on the wick.
64. (original) The candle of claim 1 further comprising a container having the body disposed therein.

65. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus [A candle] for amplifying pleasant crackling sounds while lighted comprising:

a body formed of a meltable fuel, the meltable fuel includes at least one additive of beeswax, palm wax, hard wax, carnauba, clear wax, “gel”, petroleum wax, stearic acids, UV inhibitors, polyethylene, and color pigments; and

a planar wood wick disposed in the body and having an upper end extending beyond an upper surface of the body, said planar wood wick having a fine to medium and uniform texture and a generally straight and even vertical grain, said wick comprises a non-perforated or a non-crushed wood, whereby said apparatus provides amplified pleasant crackling sounds.

66. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel is petroleum (paraffin) wax, mineral (montan) wax, synthetic wax, and clear candle waxes or “gels”.

67. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 66 wherein the wick has a thickness of .019-0.23 inch.

68. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel is a beeswax, carnauba, candelillia or vegetable-based wax.

69. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 68 wherein the wick has a thickness of .022-0.28 inch.

70. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is rigid so as to be capable of being freestanding.

71. (CANCEL).

72. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim [71] 65 wherein the wick is made of poplar or cherry wood.

73. (CANCEL).

74. (CANCEL).

75. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim [71] 65 wherein the wick has a width of between 1/8 and 3 inches.

76. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim [71] 65 wherein the wick has a moisture content of between ten and twelve percent.

77. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim [71] 65 wherein the wick is made of a cotton and wood construction.

78. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim [71] 65 wherein the wick has a width of approximately 1 ¼ inches and the body has a diameter of approximately six inches.

79. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim [71] 65 wherein the wick extends between 1/16 and 3/16 inch above the upper surface.

80. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick extends 1/8 inch above the upper surface.

81. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the fuel is paraffin.

82. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the fuel is a vegetable-based wax.

83. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 82 wherein primary components of the vegetable-based wax are palm, cotton, olive, linseed, castor, peanut, jojoba and soy

84. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the planar wick is formed of unwoven, fibrous material.

85. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is sized relative to the body to correlate the wick's burn rate with the material of the body to thereby provide an even depletion of the meltable fuel.
86. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick comprises wood.
87. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel is a mixture of paraffin and a vegetable-based wax.
88. (CANCEL).
89. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately one to six inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 to two inches.
90. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately six to twelve inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 - six inches.
91. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 90 wherein the number of the wicks in the candle is between one and twelve.
92. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately twelve to twenty-four inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 - twenty inches.
93. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 92 wherein the number of wicks in the apparatus [candle] is between one and twenty.
94. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the planar wick comprises two sheets of wood with a flat piece of cotton sandwiched there between.
95. (CANCEL).



96. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of wick of claim 95 wherein the fibers are cellulose materials, cotton, hemp, rayon, linen, paper and /or flax.
97. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 95 wherein the adhesive is resin, gum, or natural glue.
98. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the exterior of the wick is sealed with wax.
99. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is largely of cellulose and lignin.
100. (CANCEL).
101. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wood of the wick is selected from a group consisting of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood, and bamboo.
102. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is made of wood combined with cotton.
103. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is made of wood bonded with natural adhesives or resins.
104. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is made from trees or shrubs and consists substantially of cellulose and lignin.
105. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is made from leaves or bark and consists substantially of cellulose and lignin.
106. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick has indicia printed on a flat surface thereof.

107. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is bleached or dyed.

108. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is curved vertically.

109. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick comprises a rigid, solid sheet material consisting substantially of cellulose and lignin.

110. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 further comprising a wick holder which holds the wick.

111. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 110 wherein the wick holder includes a base and a slotted support for receiving the wick extending from the base.

112. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 further comprising a container in which the body is disposed.

113. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick is configured in a decorative shape as viewed from above.

114. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus [candle] of claim 65 wherein the wick has a width greater than ¼ inch, is rigid so as to be capable of being freestanding and is made at least substantially of wood or cellulose/lignin material.

115. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) A candle comprising:

a body formed of a meltable fuel; and

a planar wick disposed in the body and having an upper end extending beyond an upper surface of the body, and the wick has indicia printed on a flat surface thereof

[wherein the wick is formed essentially of wood selected from a group consisting of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood, and bamboo].

116. (original) The candle of claim 115 wherein at least one of the body and the wick includes scented oil.

117. (original) The candle of claim 115 further comprising a wick holder having a base and a support for receiving a bottom end of the wick.

118. (CANCEL).

119. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) A method of making a candle, which creates amplified crackling sounds, comprising:

combining a planar wood or wood product wick and a body of meltable fuel such that the planar wick extends beyond an upper surface of the body, and the body of meltable fuel further comprises a gum, a resin or a hard wax.

120. (original) The method of claim 119 wherein the combining includes maintaining the wick in a set position and dispensing the meltable fuel about the wick in a non-solid form and allowing the dispensed meltable fuel to solidify.

121. (cancel).

122. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [121] 119 wherein the wood is selected from a group consisting of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood, and bamboo.

123. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [121] 119 wherein the wood has a moisture content of 10-12 percent.

124. (original) The method of claim 119 further comprising setting the wick in a wick holder.

125. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an apparatus [a candle], comprising: Combining [forming] a body of meltable fuel [having a top surface and a slot engaging the top surface and extending down at least a substantial distance of a height of the body]; and

[inserting] a planar wick [into the slot] , which is disposed in the body and having an upper end extending beyond an upper surface of the body, and the wick has indicia printed on a flat surface thereof.

126. (original) The method of claim 125 wherein the wick is an elongate planar wick.

127. (original) The method of claim 125 wherein the wick is rigid so as to be capable of being straight freestanding.

128. (original) The method of claim 125 wherein the wick is made of wood or wood product.

129. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 125 wherein the combining [forming] includes positioning an elongate member so that it extends down into a candle mold in a desired position relative thereto;

and dispensing the meltable fuel in a flowable condition into the mold around the elongate member; after the dispensing, allowing the fuel to solidify; and thereafter and before the inserting, removing the elongate member from the solidified fuel.

130. (original) The method of claim 129 wherein the positioning includes positioning a positioning device on the mold and the elongate member extending down from the positioning device.

131. (original) The method of claim 130 wherein the positioning includes positioning the device such that it centers the elongate member relative to the mold.

132. (original) The method of claim 131 wherein the positioning the positioning device includes engaging the positioning device on a rim of the mold.

133. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 130 wherein the combining [forming] includes positioning the elongate member in a held position on the positioning device.

134. (original) The method of claim 125 wherein before the inserting, the wick is coated with wax.

135. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 125 further comprising after the combining [forming], inserting a wick positioning device having a slot in a bottom of the body.

136. (original) The method of claim 135 further comprising inserting a bottom end of the wick in the slot.

137. (Cancel).

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